



Regular Meeting of the Parks Commission
City of University City
October 23, 2012
Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Boulevard

AGENDA

President St. Clair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Other members present were:

Karen Dille
William Field
Ed Mass
Karen Palmer

Richard Wilson, Director of Public Works
Sandy Bradford, Executive Secretary
Lynnette Hicks, Sr. Public Works Manager
Lynda Euell-Taylor, Deputy Director of Recreation
Stephen Kraft, Council Liaison (*arrived at 6:37 pm*)

Excused Absence: Alberta Garth, Linda Peoples

Deposition of Minutes from September 27, 2012

Mr. Mass moved to approve, Ms. Dille seconded. Vote taken - all approved.

Ms. Dille moved to revise agenda to allow presentations prior to Department Report. Mr. Mass seconded. All approved.

Citizens' Comments not on the Agenda – None

Presentations:

Draft of Complete Livable/ Streets Ordinance

Sarah Hanley presented a power point presentation and overview of proposed Complete Livable/Streets Concept.

After much discussion on the determination if this project should be deemed an ordinance or resolution, Mr. Mass moved to recommend approval; but as a resolution. No one seconded. Motion died.

Mr. Field moved to support Complete Livable/Streets concept and allow City Council to determine if it should be an ordinance or resolution. Ms. Dille seconded. Four in favor (Ms. Dille, Mr. Field, Ms. Palmer, Ms. St. Clair), one abstention (Mr. Mass). Vote approved.

Bike/Walkability Study

Tim Breihan of H3 presented a power point presentation and overview of proposed Bike and Walkability Study

Ackert/Metcalf Parks – 50% Design Development Plan Review (Parkview Gardens Neighborhood Planning Project)

Tim Breihan of H3 presented a power point presentation and overview of the Ackert/Metcalf Parks – 50% Design Development Plan Review. Mr. Field moved to approve the plan as presented. Ms. Dille seconded. All approved.

Department Reports:

Public Works and Parks Updates

Rich Wilson reported:

- Council approved Millar Park master plan and they approved the application \$400,000 for Munny Grant to go after pavilion and restroom in Miller Park – submitting application this week.
- U City made a formal request to get reimbursement for the money they removed from us for not using the driving range. They denied it based on the fact, according to their rules, if a community does not follow guidelines they are to deny next application, but instead of denying it, they reduced it – by about \$38,000.
- Miller Park and Driving Range will be two major projects to pursue next year.
- Council approved signage package for Centennial Greenway.

Community Development/Recreation Division

Ms. Euell-Taylor reported:

- Centennial Commons welcomes Ms. Jumoke Solar as our new Recreation Supervisor – Fitness.
- Both Centennial Commons and the City of University City will be participating in the Brittany Woods Community School Fair on Friday, October 26.

Council Liaison Report

Mr. Kraft indicated he really had nothing new to report. Ms. St. Clair raised a question regarding Vernon Avenue's accessibility and Mr. Kraft indicated Vernon is accessible, it would require major efforts between multiple jurisdictions to close Vernon.

Individual Park Reports

Ms. Dille inquired about status about Heman Pool leak. Mr. Wilson confirmed it will be repaired and pool will open next year as scheduled. She also indicated there seems to be drainage problem at Millar Park.

Mr. Mass – Flynn Park street lights did not come on after dark.

Mr. Field – Cart paths are in and Ruth Park looks good.

Ms. Palmer – Trees taking root and growing on golf course.

Mr. Mass moved to have an extra picnic table on East side of Lewis Park. Ms. Dille seconded – all approved.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson indicated City Council approved hiring the Brighton Agency PR/Marketing firm, who will provide their services to promote Ruth Park Golf Course, Centennial Commons, Heman Pool and Heman Park Community Center. Mr. Mass suggested the Brighton Agency should be invited to meet with the Park Commission; Mr. Wilson agreed and felt Brighton welcome the idea.

New Business:

Proposed Fee Structure for Natatorium Use by City of University City

Ms. Palmer indicated it would be a good idea to discuss the possibility of the City paying a rental fee to use the Natatorium; and these funds be used for unforeseen maintenance issues. Ms. Euell-Taylor indicated for many years there has been an unwritten no-fee reciprocal agreement between the University City School District and City of University City regarding use of facilities and the institution of a fee agreement may not garner the funds required to handle issues these maintenance issues.

Ms. St. Clair requested a nominating committee be formed to submit their slate for Commission members to vote for officers at January 2013 meeting. Ms. Dille and Mr. Field agreed to serve.

Adjournment

Ms. Dille moved to adjourn. Mr. Mass seconded. All in favor. The meeting ended at 8:35 pm.